

House Resolution No. 3231

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Karen Kramer, Vice President of Clinical Services, and the men and women of CoxHealth who have chosen the challenging and rewarding career of nursing, who have been selected for a Silent Hero Award from the Silent Hero Committee in light of their outstanding dedication to serving others; and

Whereas, National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6th, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12th, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of nursing as a modern profession; and

Whereas, over 110,000 nurses statewide and over 1,700 nurses in the CoxHealth system, serving at sixty locations in Southwest Missouri, impact the lives of their patients and the nursing community; and

Whereas, the nurses of CoxHealth consistently go above and beyond the promise of their oath, known as the Florence Nightingale Pledge, which states "With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care; and

Whereas, the nurses of CoxHealth sacrifice on a daily basis in order to provide expert care during times of crisis and disaster; and

Whereas, the nurses of CoxHealth make a difference every day in the lives of their patients, the families of those whom they serve, the nursing community and the greater community of southwest Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Karen Kramer and the nursing staff of CoxHealth for a Silent Hero Award from the Silent Hero Committee and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Karen Kramer and the nursing staff of CoxHealth in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3231, adopted May 22, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker